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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 2

Part B for May '45-

SUBJECT

Certain allegations against the Managers of Ml President and the Chief Officer of the Hassan Town Municipality)

To The D C Hassan - Dt
L11452/Ml 83 44--41
& 26 5 '45-

Orders that Mr C Krishna Murthy Rao C O of the Hassan Town Mcipality may be specially watched

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Routine Notes

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Petition dt 18/11/1944 from Mr K Hanumanthappa, Davangere raising certain allegations against the chief offices and the non-official President of the Davangere Town Municipal Council

1) Minute of the Minister for L.S.G. & P.H. on the petition "may be sent to the D.C. for a note in the matter"

2) Submitted with a memo on the petition calling for a note from the D.C., Chitaldrug Dist

MSS 25/11/3)

27/11/44

DSSNO L-5172

Dt 29th NOV 1944.

From

The D.C., Chitaldrug District

No A6 C 1341/44-45 dated 18/4/45

Furnishes a report in

Sir A

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Routine Notes

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In the matter

i) It is reported that the allegations that Mr C Krishnamoorthy Rao, Chief Office Davangere (since transferred to Hassan) had made friendship with the Pdt of the Mcl and that he was very often found in the local Congress office, in consequence of which the work in the Municipality suffered, are true

5) The D.C. reports that the allegation that the Municipal President is heavily indebted, is not true

6) Read with reference to para 1 supra

7) The Chief Officer has since been transferred and relieved as

Mrs 28/4

to Hassan.

8) The D.C. states that in the above report, in the matter maybe disposed of

Supernal order and reference to the Honble order dated 20 11 44 on the petition

9) Lawyer) for 28 orders

His conduct should be

now at Hassan specially watched

(10) 30 [illegible]

Mr Sec 4/5/45 9 5 45 for Asst Sec 4 5 45

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Send with a draft letter to the D C,
Hassan Dist asking him at para 9 supra

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To

The D C, Hassan District

Letter no L 11652 dt 26/5/1965

Requesting the D C to watch
the conduct and work of Mr C
Krishna Murthy Rao, Chief Officer of
the Hassan Town Municipality

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(I may be sent for to the P C to explain a report in Urdu in connection with the 2nd [illegible]

Law Secy)

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR L S G & P H
Dated 24 11 65
No. S 28

SECY LAW DEPT
GOVT OF MYSORE

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To

Rajamanthra Pravina

H B Gurdappa Gowda, M.A., B.L.,

Minister of Local Self Government,

Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Respected Sir,

All is not well with the Davangere Municipality At no time since the regime of the nonofficial President was inaugurated, has there been such great dissatisfaction among the ratepayers Even at the time of selection of a candidate for the Presidentship among the Congress Councillors, there was very great opposition to the selection of the present President and a good deal of controversy in the press and the Congress circle lasted for over a month But the Congress made the unfortunate decision to have this President just for one year and the whole town is paying the penalty for this choice

The President with a view to secure his object has made the Chief Officer his best friend With his advice and assistance has devised a new plan of getting Municipal work done That is, that if some road or drain or other kind of work is to be done and if that requires the sanction of the Council, he would circumvent the law or rules by getting this work executed piece meal As the President has powers of sanctioning works below a particular figure, he would devide the works so as to bring them within his own powers of sanction Then he would dole out his favours or his favourites Thus the powers of the Council are deprived and vested to the advantage of the President and the Chief Officer

Many of the old and tried Contractors who are not in good books of the President are easily displaced and some one or other chosen All these activities have been resulted by the Congress party itself and there has been a split within the party

The President as soon as he took charge of his office, got a big road made in front of his house (near the Cooly Camp) disregarding the more urgent needs of the town at a heavy cost A big pipe line at very considerable cost was immediately put up in front of his house while the more congested area where people are suffering for want of water are neglected

The President has got some 2-3 acres of land by the side of the Cooly Camp The proximity of these sheds per se would reduce the value of his land Just so to improve the value of his land, he has been fighting for the removal of these sheds of poor people who have been living there for over 20 years These poor people have applied to the Deputy Commissioner for intervention

A number of Municipal employees have been engaged by the President to attend to his personal work Five 4 to 6 persons are employed to attend to his farm work

P T O

Please forward with Complaints etc relating to Municipalities in the Ministry

My note

Law Secretary to Government

These and many more things are being done every day. The Govern nt usually do s not interfere with Local bodies. But under these extraordinary circumstances, interference is urgently called for. Before the Goverr ent might be compelled to supersede the Municipality, it would be eminently desirable to change the personnel of the Municipality to secure the purity of the administ -tion

We beg to remain
Respected Sir,
Yours most obediently

DAVANGERE

Dated 20th Nov 1944

M Mahamed Ghouse.

Boodnur Channabasappa

H BASAVARAJAPPA

H S Hommodur

Abdul Azeez

Abdul Khadeer

S d Ahamedmeeracham

N M Veerayah

Syed Ahmed

HL 82-44-40 : 6918(A

To,

H B Gundappa Gowda, Esq , B A , B L ,

Minister for Local Self-Government,

Government of Mysore,

BANGALORE

Respected Sir,

Davangere Municipal administration is going from bad to worse The present Chief Officer Mr. Krishnamurthy is not a proper choice for this big and important town, He has many preoccupations other than municipal work. He has made fast friends with the President and one Mr Gopala Rao and spends his time with them in the Congress Office With the President as his friend he has neglected all the other ligitimate duties of the Municipality Owing to this neglegence of his duties, the sanitation has suffered very much, some much so that there is more to check the scavangers and sweepers

The President himself is involved in heavy debts and some warrants and decrees pending cannot be expected to discharge his duties properly and efficiently Thus the choice of the president and the Chief Officer are very unfortunate

There have been various talks of mismanagement of the municipality in the town and these talks have gone to the extent of public scandals. Needless to say that the rate-payers are deeply discontented and want the Government to interest themselves more in the Davangere municipal affairs

Many people are surprised whether a man steeped in debts with warrants and decrees always pending against him would be a proper person to be the first citizen of Davangere Whether it would not be derogatory to the dignity of the Office to have such a person as the president and whether such a position might not be a temptation to him to abuse his position and powers. There has already been so much talk that it is necessary and desirable to make enquiries into the matter

As for the Chief Officer, he is a mere talking machine, doing nothing useful A change is very urgently called for As for the President, if it is found that he is an indebted man with warrants etc , the public are entitled to know, whether like public servants who are similarly situated, the Government could order clearance of debts failing which order the removal To avoid further scandals and various mismanagement and wastage of public funds, some immediate action is called for

Davangere
Dated 18-11-44

We beg to remain
Respected Sir,
Yours Obediently

K. Hanumanthappa

Memo No 5172 dt 29th Nov 1944 forwarded with compliments to the Deputy Commissioner Chitaldrug Branch, for furnishing a note in the matter

My attention was drawn to this matter by Mr Law Secretary at 3 pm

HL 83-44-40 6918

L-6919 To the District Collector
Dear Sir, 11/1/44
I am directed to
request you to send up
immediately a report called
for in this office new letters
Nos. L 5666 & 9-12-44
and L 6066 & 20/12-44
Calling explanation
on the allegations made
by several residents of
Dawangere Town as regards
to the mismanagement
of municipal affairs
at the place to which
that the same pertains
Yours
for the District Collector

Another petition received
from the residents of Dunmore
on same subject is also
sent herewith for report
& return with your report
Very truly yours

Ml 83-44-40 6918(A

No A6 C 1311/44-45

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District,
Chitaldrug, dated, 18th April 1945

From

C Nirvani Gowda, Esq, B A,
Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, Chitaldrug

To

C Narayanaswamy Naidu, Esq, B A, B L,
Legal Remembrancer and Secretary to Government,
Law Department, Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your memo No L 5172 dated 27-11-44 forwarding for a note, the petition of Messrs I Hanumanthappa and B Ananda Rao, containing certain allegations against the President, Town Municipal Council, Davangere and the Chief Officer, I have the honour to state as follows,

As regards the allegations contained in para 1 of the petition, it is true that the Chief Officer Mr C Krishnamurthy Rao had made fast friendship with the President and one Mr B I Gopala Rao, a member of the Municipal Council It is also true that he was found very often in the local congress Office He did not appear to properly attend to the Sanitation of the town and sanitation of the town had suffered in recent months He has however been transferred to Hassan Municipality and has also been relieved of his duties at Davangere

The other allegation that the President is heavily indebted etc, is not true No warrants or decrees are pending against him The President is a Staunch congressman

In these circumstances, the matter may be dropped

The petition received with your memo adverted to above is returned herewith

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

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SUBJECT

Section ML
File No 83—4-4-
Serial No 41

Diary No of letter replied to

No L-11452

To

General and Revenue Secretariat
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The D-C, Hassan Dist

Date of issue 26/5/45

Sir,

Signed by Mr I.J.R.Rao

I am directed to state that it has come to the notice of Govt that Mr C Krishnamurthy Rao, who was recently transferred as Chief Office to the Hassan Dam Municipality, had made friendship with the President of the Davangere Dam Municipal council, when he was the Chief Office of the said Municipal council, and that he was very often found in the local congress office, in

List of enclosures

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Examined by

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in consequence of which the work
in the Davangere Town Municipality
suffered.

~~In the above circumstances,~~
I am to request ~~you to watch the~~ that the
conduct and work of the Municipal
~~Authorities~~ in the Town Municipality
~~connected and to submit,~~
~~if necessary, a report to Govt~~ may be specially
watched

I have etc
for
Secy to Govt
Law Dept

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